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"PROCESS FOR PRINTING

AND MOLDING A FLOCKED

ARTICLE"

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Dear Sir:

In an Office Action dated October 5, 2005, the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement with regard to the above-identified patent application. Generally, the Examiner found the following claims to be distinct inventions:

Claims 1-3 and 42, drawn to a fibrous article without molding (i.e., intermediate product), classified in class 428, subclasses 90 and 195.1 (Group I);

Claims 43 and 44, drawn to a molded article including a fibrous surface (i.e., final product), classified in class 428, subclass 297.4 (Group II);

Claims 4-10, 27-41, 45-62, and 65, drawn to methods of making a printed fibrous article (i.e., method of making intermediate product), classified in class 8, subclass 445+ (Group III); and

Claims 11-26, 63, and 64, drawn to methods of making a molded article having a fibrous surface (i.e., method of making a final product), classified in class 264, subclass 239+.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Claims 4-10, 27-41, 45-62, and 65 (Group III) and species B in this patent application. However, Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue Claims 1-3, 11-26, 42-44, and 63-64 in a subsequent divisional/continuation application.

Respectfully submitted,

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